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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended Since Filing) A multi-beam optical scanner comprising:

a light source for [a multi-beam] providing plural light beams;

[a coupling lens for coupling a plurality of light fluxes from said light source for a multi-beam to an image-forming optical system;]

a first image-formation system for focusing [a plurality of light fluxes coupled by said coupling lens] the plural light beams from the light source in a direction corresponding to

auxiliary scanning and forming [them to] the plural light beams into images as a plurality of line images each [long] having a longer side in a direction corresponding to main scanning;

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